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Monthly update  
to the Youth  
Action Council  
and Youth  
Service Teams

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# THE YACKITY-YAC

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## EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE REGIONAL YOUTH SUMMITS

The Utah Youth Summit cultivates youth and adult partnerships and provides youth with a foundation of leadership life skills that enhance an individual's confidence and knowledge while fostering a commitment to life long service.

To qualify as a summit, the following elements must be included:

### A SERVICE PROJECT

Choose a project that will have an impact and make a difference, both for the servers and those being served. Your Volunteer Center is a great place to look for ideas that will impact your community in the best way. Log on to [www.ilivetogive.org](http://www.ilivetogive.org) for more information.

### WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

Please choose one or more of the following workshop topics to include, plus any additional workshops you think are appropriate:

- Youth and adult partnerships
- Principles of effective service
- Youth leadership

The Utah Commission on Volunteers and State 4-H office can assist you in developing your curriculum and locating speakers.

### MODEL EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN YOUTH AND ADULTS AND THE COMMUNITY

We encourage you to form partnerships with other organizations to assist in the planning of the summit (ie. 4-H, your local volunteer center, AmeriCorps, Girl Scouts, Utah Campus Compact, schools, etc).

### ATTENDANCE OF A MINIMUM OF 100 YOUTH

But feel free to have more than 100 youth! If you plan to invite fewer than 100 youth, you must have prior approval by the Utah Commission on Volunteers. Factors we will consider include impact of the summit, community size and available resources.

Your summit should involve youth from all counties in your region (exception granted for Eastern Region). For your convenience, here is a breakdown of the regions:

**Northern Region**--Counties: Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Morgan, Rich, Weber

**Salt Lake Region**--Counties: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

**Utah/Wasatch Region**--Counties: Utah, Wasatch

**Central Region**--Counties: Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne

**Southern Region**--Counties: Beaver, Iron, Garfield, Kane, Washington

**Eastern Region**--Counties: Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan, Uintah

### ONE FULL DAY EVENT (AT A MINIMUM)

Make sure your event is long enough to incorporate all of the elements previously mentioned. A summit could be a one-day event, or two or three days. It could involve 100 youth or 500 youth. How you format the summit is up to you.

### REPORTING

After your summit is complete, please submit a report regarding the outcome of your summit. This report will be presented to the Commission on Volunteers, as well as the Lieutenant Governor and Governor Olene Walker. It is important to document what you have done. Keep records of materials used, attendance, press coverage, etc. Photos will be especially welcome.

**YOUR SUMMIT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY  
JULY 1, 2004.**

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# Service Around Utah

*Editor's Note: Feedback from YAC team leaders indicates that you enjoy hearing about the other teams across the state. Please send me your monthly reports on time, and feel free to communicate with me by email or phone. I can't print it if I don't know what's going on. Thanks.*

Festival of Service (Beaver) - "For November we held another work meeting where we finished the Christmas Candy Pockets. On the 19th we attended the local Festival of Trees where we were in charge of a table displaying our Christmas Candy Pockets and answered questions about our project. We helped set up, take down, and clean up the Festival," reported Clarissa Kanell. Their group, which included a few recruits, spent 83 hours in service. Way to go!

Team YVC (St. George) - Having decided on the summit theme of STAR (Stand Tall And Reach), Malaena Hymas commented that they have been successful in recruiting sponsors and are planning their event for March or April. This season is a busy one (especially with finals!) but each team member is using their talents to give service in a variety of ways.

Provo City Youth Government (Provo) - In November, PCYG had two general meetings, as well as a fun movie night. They will begin planning their regional summit in earnest in January.

Team YES (Salt Lake City) - Plans for the Salt Lake Summit are well underway.

Faleshia Pyles explained that the theme of their summit will be Pay It Forward (like the movie), and the event is scheduled for mid June or early July. They are currently looking into donors and other things such as entertainment, transportation, service projects, and so on. They even have a great service activity lined up at the West Valley City animal shelter.

Team SAVY (Monticello) - SAVY continued their Angel in a Bag efforts this month, through a number of fundraisers. Monticello Elementary School held "a contest that when the students brought money they put it into jars with the teacher's name on it. And the teacher with the most money in their jar had to kiss a pig. It was so funny watching the faculty kissing a pig," says Andrew Corrao. "The awesome part was that the students raised \$350.55, which was donated to Angel in a Bag."

Logan's Promise Youth and Stand for Decency (Logan) - Teisha Adams reports, "Our region is having our first YES coalition meeting Saturday. We hope to have our Steering Committee together by next week, and begin vigorous planning for Youth Summit ASAP." Brad and Nathan recently gave a presentation about pornography for a church organization.

Are you interested in strengthening youth and adult partnerships? Plan to participate in Join Hands Day on May 1, 2004!

## AmeriCorps Promise Fellows

AmeriCorps Promise Fellows are working to mobilize communities to expand, strengthen, and invigorate efforts to deliver the Five Promises. In Utah, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows are stationed in the following cities: St. George, Cedar City, Provo, Orem, Salt Lake, Layton and Logan.

AmeriCorps Promise Fellows can be a great resource to youth service teams in planning regional youth summits. In addition, all Fellows will be planning and participating in a project for Join Hands Day.

To get in touch with a Fellow in your area, call Summer at 1-888-755-UTAH.

"Make a career of humanity - and you will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."  
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

On January 19, 2004, Americans across the country will celebrate the national holiday honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As they have since 1994, thousands of Americans remembered Dr. King by serving in their communities-by making the holiday "a day ON, not a day off."

During his lifetime, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together as equals to address important community issues. Service, he realized, was the great equalizer. As he once said, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

This January you can be great because you can serve!

Join thousands of Americans across the country who are honoring the life and work of Dr. King by serving their community on the King holiday.

Find out how to serve, register your project, and get tips for creating and enhancing a service project of your own by visiting [www.mlkday.org](http://www.mlkday.org).

Upcoming National Days of Service: January 19, 2004 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Make it a day on...not a day off!